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Gina McCarthy, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Dear McCarthy, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,

Please reopen the EPA's investigations into groundwater contamination linked to fracking activity in Parker County, TX, Dimock, PA and Pavilion, WY.

These EPA investigations initially showed potential groundwater contamination, making the water unsafe for residents. The contamination in all three cases was believed to be linked to nearby fracking activity.

In all three cases, the EPA abruptly pulled out, claiming the groundwater to be safe. But a recent report from your agency's own internal watchdog puts the groundwater safety in one of these locations in question. The December 24 Inspector General report into the Parker County, TX case shows the EPA has enough evidence to take on this case, the overall risk of contamination hasn't been determined, and the EPA need to take action to assess the risk to the public. The report also states that senior EPA officials and a senior attorney from the Justice Department agreed there was enough evidence to enforce the EPA order through the courts.

This watchdog report calls the EPA's decisions in all three locations into question. The EPA should end the confusion, frustration and fear and reopen all three investigations.

It's the duty of the EPA to protect our health and environment. Please reopen the investigations and commit to protecting Americans from any dangers associated with fracking activity.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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